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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
 David J. Robson, et al.) Before the Examiner
 Serial No. 08/876.322) Ivars C. Cintins
 Filed June 16, 1997)) Group Art
 IMPROVEMENTS IN OR)) Unit 1724
 RELATING TO ABSORPTION))
 OF HYDROPHOBIC WATER-))
 IMMISCIBLE LIQUIDS))

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also submits concurrent with this Response a Request for three months extension of time. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time, which may be necessary, and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include the payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. Upon entry of the above amendments, this application will contain claims 1, 3-6, 8-15, 17, 20, 24, and 25 pending and under consideration.